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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: PFOR, IS, XY

SUBJECT: PFLP/GC THREATS

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REFERENCE: BEIRUT 4800; TEL AVIV 2384

1. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES BEIRUT'S EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF PFLP/GC THREAT. THIS ORGANIZATION APPEARS TO HAVE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO ATTEMPT ISOLATED OPERATIONS AGAINST TOURISTS VISITING ISRAEL.

2. EXTREMIST ELEMENTS OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, SUCH AS PFLP/GC, CONTEND THAT ANY ACTIVITY THAT BENEFITS ISRAEL'S ECONOMY, INCLUDING FOREIGN TOURISM, IS "WAR-LIKE ACTION" DIRECTED AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. BY THIS LOGIC, TOURISTS IN ISRAEL BECOME TARGETS IN WAR FOR "LIBERATION OF PALESTINE".

3. EVER SINCE DEVELOPMENT OF TERRORIST OPERATIONS AFFECTING, OR WITH POTENTIAL TO AFFECT, U.S. TOURISTS IN, OR OBVIOUSLY ENROUTE TO, ISRAEL (E.G. LOD MASSACRE), DEPT HAS FACED QUESTION WHETHER DANGER SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR AND IMMEDIATE ISSUE WARNING AGAINST TRAVEL. NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN OR ON WAY TO ISRAEL OR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN VICTIMS SINCE 1967 OF TERRORIST OR CROSS CEASE-FIRE LINE ARAB ACTION. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES RE SAFETY TOURIST TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WE HAVE SAID NO GENERAL WARNING IN EFFECT,

BUT SITUATION IN AREA OBVIOUSLY TENSE AND INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED; TRAVELERS TO ISRAEL ARE ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE OCCUPIED AREAS (AT VARIOUS TIMES, FOR EXAMPLE, GAZA AND GOLAN) AND IF IN DOUBT WHAT TO DO, TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY OR CONSULATE GENERAL.

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE PFLP/GC THREAT IN ITSELF IS SUFFICIENT REASON AT THIS TIME CHANGE THIS POSTURE. WE WILL WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY AND REQUEST ACTION POSTS REPORT ANY INFO BEARING ON POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION THREAT. TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE ALERT TO ANY SPECIAL U.S. TOURIST ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT OFFER INVITING TERRORIST TARGET. RUSH

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